



VERIFICATION OF TRANSLATION

I, Koji Kikawa, state that I am fluent in the English language and in the Japanese language. I hereby verify that the attached English language translation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.10/826,696 entitle FIRING FURNACE AND FIRING METHOD is a true and correct translation to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed this 26th day July, 2004

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